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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re application of

Docket No: Q60222

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Appln. No.: 09/624,224

Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No.: 5390

Examiner: Thierry L. PHAM

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For: PRINTER SYSTEM FLEXIBLY COMPATIBLE WITH PLURALITY OF PRINTER
CONTROL LANGUAGES (PCL) USING INTERMEDIATE AND RASTER CODES

SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 41.41

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 41.41, Appellant respectfully submits this Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated November 16, 2005. Entry of this Reply Brief is respectfully requested.

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STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 are pending and are the basis of this Appeal. Claims 1-20 stand rejected.

GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

As set forth in the Appeal Brief, claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by EP 0820004 to Suzuki et al. ("Suzuki"), and claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,441,919 to Parker et al. ("Parker").

ARGUMENT

On page 3 of the November 16, 2005 Examiner's Answer, the Examiner maintains that the Appellant argued that claim 1, "recites a data processing device is provided *separately* from the printer device." However, Appellant did not argue that claim 1 specifically recites the term "separately." Rather, on page 7 of the August 4, 2005 Reply Brief, Appellant argued that, "claim 1 separately recites both a printer and a data processing device." Reasons as to why claim 1 *indicates* that the units are separate from each other are provided on the cited page. The Examiner provides similar comments in regard to the "in combination with" recitation of claim 13 (pg. 3 of November 16, 2005 Examiner's Answer). Claim 13 recites a data processing device "to be used in combination with" a printer device. Appellant submits that the language of claim 13 indicates that the data processing device is separate from the printer device.

In view of the above, the Appellant stands by the arguments presented in the August 4, 2005 Reply Brief.

CONCLUSION

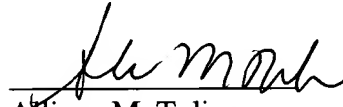
For the above reasons as well as the reasons set forth in the August 4, 2005 Appeal Brief, Appellant respectfully requests that the Board reverse the Examiner's rejections of all claims on

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Appeal. An early and favorable decision on the merits of this Appeal is respectfully requested.

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